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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Muralidhara et al. Examiner: Ana M. Fortuna
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Title: NANOFILTRATION WATER-SOFTENING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Communication mailed November 7, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 7, 2003 to March 7, 2004. As March 7, 2004 falls on a Sunday, the request is effective for a carryover to Monday, March 8, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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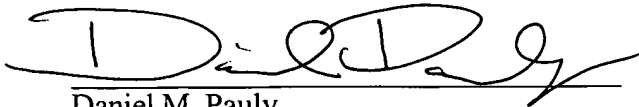
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